

Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society

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May 7, 1985

Dear Member:

The Annual Meeting of the Suffolk Nansemond Historical Society will be held Tuesday, May 21st. 7:30 p.m. at Riddick's Folly. We have an attractive program arranged.

The Society will present the Hill Kilby award to the teacher selected by the Education Committee and we will introduce the slate of officer nominees for the upcoming term. Committee Chairmen are asked to give a report on their activities and refreshments will be served.

Thanks to the efforts of our Holland members, the December 1985 Candlelight Tour will be held in that community. Three homes and a church have been secured at this point.

On Sunday, April 14th, several members of the Historical Collections Committee met with Ed Bottoms to examine, sort, and repack a large quantity of artifacts given the society by Mr. Bottoms and stored for several years in our top floor room at Riddick's Folly. The room is now clean, orderly and much more functional. We will begin our initial preservation and cataloguing efforts with our old photographs. Incidentally, I have taken the door lock from our second floor room to Richmond to have it repaired and a key made.

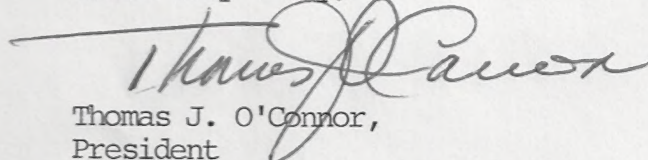
The Society joined with the City on May 3rd. to mark the opening of the Kingsboro-Pinner Street Bridge and the Moore Avenue Industrial Access Road. We were pleased, at their request, to arrange a display of historical pictures. Please let us have your old photographs - people really enjoy them!

Ann Burton advises the long awaited Riddick's Folly Cookbook will make its appearance in late May or early June. It is entitled; A Southern Lady's Spirit complete with recipes. Price \$10.00

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, April 30th. The following - Forrest Wonnack, Chairman, Marion Watson, and James Godwin - were appointed as a Nominating Committee to select officers for the next two years. Ann Burton reported that she and Judy Everett are well into the project of printing new note paper. The membership will be pleased when they see the results of this effort.

Treasurer Karen Holliday will be mailing dues notices this week. This small investment will pay future dividends. Succeeding generations will be grateful for the efforts of our group to preserve, for their education and enjoyment, many items that otherwise might be lost or discarded.

Yours very truly,


Thomas J. O'Connor,
President